

Date 16 March 1946

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I, Mariano Pangelinan, I.D. No. 1, Labor No. 849, do hereby make the following statement to the Legal Officer freely and voluntarily, without coercion, with the full realization that such statement made may be used as evidence against me.

I, Mariano Pangelinan, was born on November 1880 in Guam and came to Saipan in 1901. From 1903 to 1945 I served as district chief of District #2. Under the Japanese I was a labor foreman. In such capacity I had an opportunity to observe the conditions under which native labor worked. The Japanese government definitely used forced native labor. If a man did not work, he was beaten or thrown into jail. Even children of seven years were forced to work. Adults were poorly paid, native children were not paid at all. These youngsters carried baskets of sand, bricks and building materials and worked in road construction. The only thing that they obtained was food, and that was insufficient to sustain them. In my opinion the Japanese definitely forced laborers to work for them without remuneration.

The Japanese were very careful to hide from the native population all military installations and fortifications, but I saw many signs of Japanese rearmament in Saipan before 1941. This rearmament started gradually around 1935 with the building of the Aslito air field on the present site of Isley Field and made rapid headway by 1940. I noticed during this period the construction of ammunition dumps, military barracks, and other military installations.

I have had all the foregoing material on this page interpreted to me by Ignacio Benavente in the Chamorro language, which I understand. I have made this statement voluntarily and have had the interpreter read the statement on this page; finding it to be a full and complete statement of the circumstances connected with my attachment to this case. I hereby certify that the above is a

complete and true statement of facts, and that no compulsion or pressure of any kind whatsoever was exerted on me by any person in making this written statement.

/s/ Mariano Pangelinan

I swear that I am familiar with both the English language and the Chamorro language and that before the above statement was signed I read same in the Chamorro language to the person who signed same.

/s/ Ignacio Benavente

WITNESS: /s/ Charles D. Cook

Ens. D'L' USNR

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
16th day of March, 1946.

/s/ Theodore M. Adelscn, Lt. (GG) USNR

Legal Officer, U.S. Nav. Mil. Govt. Saipan, M.I.

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傍聴者番号、於二月記、陳述ヲ教之。
件 masiano Pangalinan 一九四〇年十一月、
一九四一年七月、日本にて、九〇三年九
月、四五五年迄、私有二管工、空氣ヲ動キ
シテ、日本ノ下ノ私、傍聴班長アリバ
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日本ノ凡て、軍事施設ノ要塞ヲナニ
隠ス。島ノ非常ニ注意深クシテサシタ、併
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軍武機、多ク、移跡見シ。此駆逐、
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位置ノアリ上船行場ノ建設と共に始
リ、而シテ九四一年五月、遂に進歩ナシ
シ。船ノ此期間中、彈薬集積所、兵營
及其他、軍事施設、建設ヲ起ヘシ。

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